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SUBJECT: USMILITARY REPRESENTATIVE FOR 26TH SEPTEMBER NATIONAL
DAY CELEBRATIONS

1. PRIOR TO SUSPENSION OF YEMENI-US TALKS ON SUPPLY OF
MILITARY EQUIPMENT, PLANS HAD TENTATIVELY BEEN MADE TO
INVITE GENERAL CATHEY TO REPRESENT US ALONG WITH AMBASSADOR
LANE AT 26TH SEPTEMBER NATIONAL DAY CELEBRATIONS IN SANA.
IN ABSENCE OF ANY REPLY OF YARG TO US INQUIRY CONCERNING
DELIVERY OF IMPACT PACKAGE, WE ARE UNCERTAIN WHETHER
ATTENDANCE OF FLAG RANK MILITARY OFFICER ON 26 SEPTEMBER
WOULD SUGGEST TO YEMENI THAT US PREPARING TO MAKE COMMIT-
MENT ON LARGER PACKAGE OF WEAPONS. THIS COULD HAVE EFFECT
OF STALLING YEMENI RESPONSE ON IMPACT PACKAGE.

2. IF, OF COURSE, USG PLANNING TO GO AHEAD WITH BROADER
COMMITMENT, THEN ATTENDANCE BY CATHEY WOULD PROVIDE
SUPERB OPPORTUNITY TO DISCUSS DETAILS OF PROGRAM HERE.

3. WE SOLICIT ADVICE FROM ADDRESSEES AND INSTRUCTIONS FROM
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WASHINGTON ON ATTENDANCE BY CATHEY OR ANOTHER OFFICER TO
SUPPLEMENT USDAO SANA. WE THINK THAT WHATEVER DANGERS
OF SENDING MISLEADING SIGNAL TO YEMENIS BY ATTENDANCE OF
FLAG RANK OFFICER, THERE IS MORE UNDESIRABLE RISK OF SENDING
EQUALLY WRONG SIGNAL BY NOT RPT NOT HAVING SUCH AN OFFICER
AT THIS JUNCTURE IN OUR RELATIONSHIP. WE SEEK REASSURE
YEMENI LEADERSHIP AND WOULD WELCOME ANY OPPORTUNITY TO

DISCUSS HELP WE MIGHT PROVIDE. BELIEVE NO ONE COULD MAKE
MOST OF THIS SITUATION BETTER THEN CHUSMTM.
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